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SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1894.

## POOR MAN'S LEGISLATION.

The Township Committee has been directed to stipulate in all contracts given out for public work contractors shall employ residents of this town. The force of the direction has been rendered void by the addition of the words "as far as practicable." If the latter words had been left off the resolution would have been of some benefit to the working people of this town. Much depends on the interpretation of the phrase "as far as practicable." If the resident laborers of this town will not work for as low wages as the laborers from other towns, will it be practicable to employ them? The addition of the qualifying words was a mistake, and renders the resolution of no benefit to the working men of the town unless they consent to compete on a level with the Italians from Orange. It is surprising that the laboring men present did not notice this neutralizing feature of the resolution and demand its erasure.

## SHOULD BE DISMISSED.

The Committee of Thirty has yet to deal with the public lighting question. The committee should get together, prepare its report, submit it to the people in order that the latter may have opportunity to discharge the committee in order to give it a vote of thanks or discharge it in order to save expense or discharge it in order to restore peace in the town. There are many good reasons why it should be discharged.

## A WISE COURSE.

Dr. Ballantine displayed his usual manifested Christian appearance in omitting the usual formal farewell sermon in concluding his labors at the First Presbyterian Church. Previous farewell sermons in the Old Church served no good purpose. Dr. Ballantine is a sincere Christian and all his actions bear testimony to that fact.

## A DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

It is indeed a difficult problem to combine expenses with limited appropriations. Even the Committee of Thirty over ran its \$100 appropriation.

## The Typhoid Scare.

Typhoid fever is known to be epidemic in Montclair. There are said to be over eighty cases in that town at their present time. There has been more or less typhoid fever in Montclair for two years past. The present alarming spread of the disease is said to be due to the use of milk from a certain dairy. Members of the family of the proprietor were sick with the disease. Sensational reports have been to the effect that the fever had spread to this town and numbers were sick with it. Physicians in the town and Inspector Corby of the Health Board say that it is not so. One dairymen from Verona who has a large trade in both this town and Montclair, and who was forbidden to deliver milk to Montclair has also ceased to deliver it here.

## Food Show.

The food and home exhibition at Industrial Hall, Washington Street, Newark, will open on Saturday evening, April 7, and will continue until April 28. Manager C. F. Bunting has promised as great an exhibition as New York

has at the Lenox Lyceum, and that ought to be a good enough one for Newark and vicinity. The admission will be twenty-five cents, and there will be something good for everybody.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## Sundry Observations.

To THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: On the evening of Tuesday, March 27, there occurred in the town of Bloomfield a memorable event. A meeting had been called by the Township Committee to hear the report of the Water Committee, virtually for the purpose of discussing the question as to whether the contract with the East Orange Water Company should be renewed for ten years or less.

For the first time in the history of the town representative citizens found themselves comfortably seated amidst clean, pleasing, well-lighted, and ventilated surroundings, which contributed greatly to the creation of a pleasing picture as has ever been seen in the township's domain. Those surroundings are the result of the united efforts of two citizens who settled in the town some nine or ten years ago, and to say the least stand out in bold relief, reflecting great credit upon their enterprise, but little on that of the town. Central they stand, a noble monument of private enterprise for public weal; and when the gas therein was electric lit, its rays shed a new light o'er the assembled citizens, arraying them in an air of beauty, which seemed to say "this" is a grand step in the "march of intellect;" the fossiliferous crust is broken in this town, "progress" is now the watchword.

The domes of thought were there: many without a single hair; many en-girt with silvery fringe; some o'erclad with full, firm growth, yet white from heat of crucial thought; but most were brown or black or gray. The sweet treble of age and maturity's resonance rang audibly through the hall; silvery speech emphasized by intervals of golden silence to make speech more impressive; the dead tongue Latin buzzed round the asserted non-comprehending opponents' ears, the living French flew; the fierce flash of assertion, called out through forgetfulness or intention, shot forth; the relating of experiences when Bloomfield had "water, water everywhere" underneath, but scarce a drop above which to have a bath or take a drink, though that below awaited only the bond-created force with which to drive a diamond-pointed drill into the bowels of the earth to be gashed forth, as when Moses smote the rock.

All the legal lights were there, their radiance enhancing the luminosity of the Newark gas as it flowed through the new and brilliant chandelier long after the usual hour for putting on the country pressure. The chameleon trait of lawyers was enlarged upon by one of their cloth. Personalities and politics were tabooed, and yet—. The Ridge above the Glen sent down a noble band in quest of water, and though the element exists in plenty they are destined to suffer, because some present seemed to have lost faith in the shepherd's promises.

There were resolutions galore, some predicated on the present and some on things of yore; motions, counter motions, substitutes, confusion, and uproar, until the present counsel cut the Gordian knot to the core. Some did want Pequannock's brew, others preferred the Orange water, though all resolved with emphasis Toney's Brook's with its feculent matter. Stanch oak by Orange water stood stout on the beach with powers, while wild and hopping flowed a flood past banks to feed town's coffers; the firemen, too, their favorite wash, defended well with bold, brave dash, and yet, alas—for it is true—no one got for town or you what most were after—more and cheaper beer.

Ignoring the asperity and cantankerous venom assumed to be in the report, the Committee of Thirty had made an excellent report on light and water, but it stood no show, for until the eleventh hour no others seem positively to know whether it had a solid base or not, especially as it was asserted that it had been paid "they were talking through their hats," but scored one when the wild motion to adjourn went up.

## MUNICIPAL WATER.

Thanks to Firemen.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: I hereby desire, through the Bloomfield Citizen, to express my grateful thanks to the firemen for their prompt and efficient services at the fire on Railroad Place Monday morning last.

C. VAN WAGNER.

Plumbing Fixtures Stolen.

Frank G. Bell's house, No. 55 Park Avenue, which is undergoing alteration and improvement, was entered by thieves on Thursday night and the plumbing fixtures stolen. Damage to the amount of \$150 was done by the thieves. The thieves also gathered up the carpenter tools belonging to Geo. M. Cadmus and his employees, but for some reason did not take them away.

Officers Elected.

The P. K. U. V. Society of this town held its annual meeting in Raab's Hall on Wednesday night and the following officers were elected: President, John Grader; Vice-President, Edward Creiger; Treasurer, William R. Raab; Corresponding Secretary, Louis Ott; Financial Secretary, William R. Raab; Sergeant-at-Arms, Charles Lauck.

## Typhoid Fever Epidemic.

A mild type of typhoid fever is epidemic in Montclair, more than a score of cases having been reported to the Health Board. The source of the contagion has been discovered, and precautionary measures have been taken which will doubtless prevent the further spread of the disease.

An investigation, set on foot by the Health Board, seems to prove conclusively that the germs of the disease were brought into Montclair from the Gould dairy on Pompton turnpike, Verona. The dairy was visited last week by an inspector of the State Dairy Commission, and on Wednesday the Health Inspector, Dr. R. P. Francis, issued an order to exclude milk from this dairy from Montclair.

A representative of the State Board of Health is expected in Verona to make further investigations.

Fred Roberts, Jr., of Plymouth Street,

Montclair, died of typhoid fever. He is the first death reported since the epidemic began. Miss Della Ducey, a dressmaker, living at 563 Bloomfield Avenue, was taken to the Mountainside Hospital, also stricken with a mild form of the disease.

Dr. L. W. Case said that he had one severe case, which he had reported last week, and four additional cases, of a milder type, to report.

A Dry Sunday.

Residents of Montclair were apprised of the fact Sunday that a new order of things had begun, when, as they walked along the streets, they were treated to unobstructed views of the interiors of bar-rooms. This is the first visible fruit of the new form of town government adopted about a month ago.

The excise ordinance is the first ordinance adopted and went into effect on Thursday. There has been practical no Sunday selling in Montclair, the watchfulness of the Citizens' Committee of One Hundred having acted as a check on local dealers in "wet goods."

If there have been isolated cases of Sunday selling, however, the new ordinance will put a stop to such in the future. Applicants for licenses are obliged to give bonds in the sum of \$1,000, which will be forfeited if the provisions of the ordinance are violated. An additional check is the clause of the ordinance which requires that curtains must be raised at all hours during which liquor selling is illegal, so that there shall be an unobstructed view into the interior of the bar-room from without.

This provision was observed by every saloon-keeper on Saturday night. Promptly at midnight every patron was turned out, lights were extinguished, and curtains were drawn up.

Worthless Checks.

F. Conant Gilson, of this town, was arrested at the Grove Street Station on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, East Orange, at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. The charge was made by W. M. Allen, the newsdealer on Main Street, East Orange. He stated that on March 12 he cashed a check for \$10 on the Paterson National Bank for Gilson at his news-stand at Brick Church. The check came back from the bank with the statement that there were no funds to pay it.

Gilson claimed that he had not given the check with any intention of fraud, but hoped to have had the money at the bank to meet it. Justice Elliott held him under \$200 bail.

Gilson was arrested in this town about three weeks ago for a similar offence. The complainants were Messrs. Ogden & Cadmus. Gilson settled by paying the firm's claims in full, and the matter was dropped.

A Mr. Baker from Westcott Street, East Orange, also cashed a check for Gilson drawn on a Paterson bank. The check proved to be worthless.

In Memoriam.

At a meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held April 3, 1894, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted to the memory of Emmons B. Corby, honorary member of the Union, who entered into rest March 29, 1894.

WHEREAS, In the providence of a loving Father our respected and honored member Emmons B. Corby has been taken from our midst, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That while we bow to the divine will, we shall miss his interest and encouraging words in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of this town. He was foremost in his efforts in our behalf, and we are honored by his name on the roll of honorary members. His co-operation has been most helpful to us. Our loss is irreparable.

We sympathize with his family, and pray that the balm of God's healing love may be theirs, and unite with them in saying "We are bereaved indeed."

RESOLVED, That this be published in the local papers, and a copy be sent to the family.

Mrs. R. N. Dodd, President.

Mrs. B. Grant, Secretary.

Political Notes.

The Democratic Third Ward primary will be held to-night in Carl's building, Broad Street.

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